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44 DUI Arrests Made During the Month of November

The Beaverton Police Department is participating in a yearlong National Traffic Safety Campaign, with a focus on taking impaired drivers off of our streets.

The Beaverton Police Department had officers out on focused patrols for impaired drivers during the month of November. The goal of this campaign is to save lives and educate the motoring public about the dangers of driving impaired. During the month of December, officers will continue their efforts to take impaired drivers off of Beaverton streets.

These High Visibly Enforcement (HVE) details are paid for by grant funds. So far this year Beaverton Police Officers have taken 393 impaired drivers off of Beaverton streets.

December brings many celebrations to include holiday parties. Make a plan for a safe way home before you attend that office party or holiday event. If you plan on drinking, designate a sober driver ahead of time and leave your keys at home. You can also program the phone number of a friend or local taxi service into your phone. Before you take your first sip of alcohol, have your plan in place. If you wait until after you've been drinking, you're more likely to make the wrong decision. Alcohol affects your judgment, so you might think you're "okay to drive" when you're not. All it takes is one drink to impair your judgment and reaction time and increase the risk of getting arrested for driving drunk—or worse, crashing your vehicle.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 32,719 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2013, and 10,076 of those fatalities occurred in drunk-driving related crashes. Sixty-eight percent of the drunk-driving fatalities involved at least one drunk driver in the crash with a blood alcohol content (BAC) almost double the legal limit. In the single month of December 2013, a staggering 733 people lost their lives in crashes involving a drunk driver.

Drunk driving, impaired driving or buzzed driving all have the potential to claim lives and often will result in jail time. The men and women of the Beaverton Police Department ask you to please think about this before you operate a motor vehicle after drinking alcohol or using any other substance that impairs your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

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